

June 28, 2006

The Honorable Conrad Burns  
United States Senate  
187 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Burns:

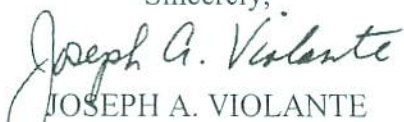
On behalf of the 1.3 million members of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV), thank you for your vote to pass emergency funding to provide free credit monitoring services for veterans affected by the recent Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) data theft.

The emergency funding of \$160 million will ensure that veterans health care and benefits programs are not raided to pay for the effects of the VA's mistake. It is essential that VA pay for one year of free credit monitoring for those affected by this theft. It is equally important that VA's other programs not be adversely affected by attempts to rectify the error.

Thank you for recognizing the importance of protecting veterans benefits and services in addition to providing free credit monitoring to veterans affected by the data theft.

I look forward to continuing to work with you to improve the lives of America's service-connected disabled veterans and their families.

Sincerely,

  
JOSEPH A. VIOLANTE  
National Legislative Director

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